

Charitca Courier.

Keytesville, Mo., Saturday, Dec. 21, '78.

GOVERNOR HAMPTON is getting well.

INDIA exports 40,000 pounds of tea annually.

OVER 20,000 silver mines have been located in Arizona.

Welsh, United States Minister to England, is ill with bronchitis.

THE COURIER wishes every living creature a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

It is estimated that the cotton crop of 1878 will amount to 197,000 bales, of 450 pounds each.

The Illinois State Grange will hold its annual meeting in Bloomington the early part of January.

A. J. BURKS, a white man living in Amherst, Va., was recently imprisoned for marrying a negro.

By the laws of Texas railroad trains are compelled to stop five minutes at stations in that state.

Thursday morning the pork packing establishment of Basset & Co., St. Louis, was destroyed by fire.

THE trustees of the Iowa State Agricultural College have reduced the salaries of professors 10 per cent.

THE Ohio State Grange, in session Friday of last week, memorialized congress to repeal the tax on tobacco.

A NEGRO, working for a white man on a farm in Illinois, eloped with his employer's daughter Thursday of last week.

THERE are, at the present time, about 10,000 men employed in Virginia in catching, opening, and shipping oysters.

In Walla Walla last week an Indian was sentenced to be hung for the murder of Croggins, in Oregon, during the war.

In New York City Wednesday of this week gold struck par for the first time since the suspension of specie payments in 1862.

A PRIZE fight between Jack Malone, of New York, and Peter McLaughlin, of Brooklyn, is arranged to take place January 15, 1879.

In Washington it is generally believed there will be no change made during this session of congress, in laws regarding tobacco and cigars.

REV. MCLEOD, of Philadelphia, is opposing the practice of wearing mourning on the ground that it is productive of needless melancholy.

MANY Nebraska farmers are losing heavily in cattle, supposed to be from eating smut and dry corn-stalks, and not having free access to water.

THE Missouri River, one mile below Leavenworth, was frozen solid Tuesday morning, the ice being over seven inches thick.

Senator Thurman has positively refused to allow his name to be used as a candidate for governor of Ohio next year.

THE colored people should make a note of the fact that the Republicans in congress and out are moving to have the right of voting taken from them.

REV. STEPHENSON, of the M. E. church, presiding elder of the Dayton, Ohio, district, was last week suspended on a charge of immorality and drunkenness. One by one the roses fall.

FRIDAY of last week, in New York City, Mrs. Prens was arrested for exhibiting her baby, 8 months old and fifteen inches long, in the Bowery Museum.

BAXTER WILSON and Frank Cawley, Chicago boys, were last Saturday arrested in Chester, Ill., charged with having stolen \$500 from the father of the former.

IF George P. Marsh holds out until next March, he will have served this country, as minister to Italy, seventeen years, and will have drawn for his services \$204,000.

EX-PRESIDENT G. W. HUNTINGTON, of the Philadelphia Coal company, was arrested last Saturday on a charge of having embezzled \$82,000 from the company in 1876-7.

FOUR tons of cholera-killed hogs are rendered daily at Rockford, Ill. The oil is run into kerosene barrels and shipped to Chicago, where it is converted into lard-oil.

OUT of 350 Virginia convicts, hired to the James River and Kanawha Canal company last year, thirty-two died from hard treatment, exposure and accommodations.

In the senate of the United States there are 58 lawyers and 20 members of other professions. In the house there are 223 lawyers, and only 70 who are not lawyers.

GOVERNOR HARTMAN has received, until January 14, James McDonald and Charles Sharp, Mollie Maguires, who were sentenced to be executed last Wednesday.

FRIDAY of last week a train of mining cars, two mules and a negro driver were blown to atoms by the explosion of nitroglycerine and gun powder in St. Bernard coal mines, at Earlington, Kentucky.

A YOUNG widow, named Knapp, met Edward Bain, a millionaire, on the streets of Kenosha, Wis., one day last week, and after exchanging a few words drew a pistol and began firing at him. She shot him in the thigh, but he succeeded in making his escape. No cause given, but it is safe to conclude that there "was a woman in it."

THE voters of Sugar Creek township, Randolph county, have refused to compromise their railroad indebtedness of \$82,000 at 65 cents on the dollar by a vote of 499 to 75.

A fire broke out in St. Louis Tuesday night, destroying the carpet store of B. C. Powell, Alexander's drug store and burning off the Mansard roof of Jaccard's fine building. Loss near \$200,000.

MISS MARY MARSHALL, of Chicago, and Dan Carroll, of Warren, Pa., completed a 100-mile walking match, for \$400 a side, in New York Friday of last week. The woman went home with the money.

The elevated railroads in New York City refuse to pay taxes assessed against them on real estate. They say that the ground on which their columns rest belongs to the city, and therefore the company owns no real estate.

Dr. BECK, superintendent Cincinnati public schools, has been dismissed on a charge of licentious conduct toward young lady pupils. His lady assistants swore hard for him but the directors had the decency to tell him to "git."

In Nebraska, recently, two men, named Ketchum and Mitchell, who were accused of stealing stock, killed a herder. The two murderers were soon afterward taken from the sheriff and posse, by masked men, and tied to a tree and burned.

BAYARD TAYLOR, United States Minister to Germany, died in Berlin on the 19th inst. His death will be as extensively mourned as he has been known as an author, and the people of America will give him a place in history and in memory.

THE price of bread in England is said to be precisely what it was in 1770. Beef, at its present retail price of nine pence, is a great advance on the three and three-quarter pence per pound of that day; and butter has risen from six pence to twenty pence.

A St. Louis critic calls attention to Mr. Hayes' bad English in the Thanksgiving proclamation. What does the man who holds the "8 spot," when the other fellow has only the seven, care about grammar? All the same, you know, his heart still bleeds for the poor colored man.—*Mercury.*

"THE Great American beer garden," is the latest and most fashionable name for the congress of the United States. Senator Whyte, of Maryland, in debate with Senator Blaine, told him to go back to the great American beer garden, as that was the only suitable place for him to cut his antics, meaning the lower house of congress.

JOHN WOMBAC, charged with the murder of Thomas G. Cockrell, at Ridge Prairie, Saline county, November 5th, was discharged after an examination of two weeks. The physician from St. Louis, on being asked to examine the wound on Cockrell's chest, refused to do so unless assisted by other experts, as an opinion upon that point was one of too much importance for one alone to determine.

THE St. Louis Times-Journal is among our best exchanges. As a newspaper it is excelled by none. It has thus far maintained its non-partisan position, and if it continues to exert its efforts for the benefit of the people, irrespective of politics, impartial in all respects, it is destined to accomplish much good for the country. It contains all the news in a most thoroughly condensed form, and its editorial treat of important subjects and are spicy and readable.

A FARMER living near Plattsburgh, Neb., recently sent 1,007 bushels of corn to Chicago. The corn sold for 26 cents a bushel—\$261.82; the freight charges were \$176.08; the commissions, handling, etc., \$5.49; net result to the grower, \$80.25—not quite 8 cents a bushel, or nearly 40 cents a barrel. If the Radicals, bondholders, national bank thieves, in the east, and their few strikers in other sections control this country a few years more farmers in this country will be required to pay these dignitaries rent on the lands they are now cultivating.

MRS. A. T. STEWART, through Judge Hilton, recently sent the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, of New York City, a check for a large sum of money as a donation, which the trustees of that institution modestly but positively declined. When it is remembered that unjust treatment the Jews received at the hands of Judge Hilton a few months ago it is most likely the intelligent people of this world will endorse the action of the Hebrew Asylum in refusing to have anything to do with this Lord Hilton.

THE St. Louis Times-Journal, the great non-partisan paper of the West, sensibly remarks that "Mr. Blaine's plan of cutting down the congressional representation in the South will not work." The growth of the North-western states will, however, soon turn the scale of political power, and the West will at last be recognized as a power in the government. The presidential election of 1880 is the last in which the South and the North will be pitted against each other. After the next congressional apportionment the contest will be between the East and the West. Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Kansas, Colorado, Missouri and Texas will show their strength in the contest of 1884. The Pacific states are also growing rapidly, and it is safe to predict that the political center of gravity will fall near the Mississippi river in the near future. When the time comes the "Solid South" and the "Solid North" will be dissolved.

THE great West will demand recognition and grasp the power that belongs to her people of right.

ONE J. W. Kneisley, representative elect in Boone county, has gained a great deal of cheap notoriety since the election by the announcement of his intention to walk to Jefferson City, to attend the legislature this winter. Such an announcement demonstrates the fact that the tool-killer did not complete his work when on his last round. We can see no point to such conduct on the part of a representative elect, unless his object is to give the lobbyist a hint as to where they can find a cheap individual that is hard up.

After 1880 the body snatchers can turn their attention to the remains of the Republican party.—*Paris Mercury.*

There it is again! Now, gentlemen, you remember in 1876 we drew the shroud over the Republican party, and even got it in the coffin, but before we got the dirt on it, and while we were yelling and whooping over the victory, the old thing kicked out of the rickety box, carried off the spoils, and has been staggering about between life and death, making it pretty hot for us ever since. We will certainly finish the funeral services in 1880, and cover the corpse well, and we hope, for the sake of all decency, you will abstain from planning its resurrection.

THE Radicals in congress are making an effort to reduce the congressional representation in the Southern states. A bill has already been introduced in the house to reduce the representation in South Carolina to two members; there are now five congressmen elected in that state. The Radicals are asking this most unreasonable, unjust and dishonest legislation on the plea that the colored people in the south are not permitted to vote freely, and that, therefore, the basis of representation should be made on the white population alone. Of course nothing of this kind can succeed while the Democrats are in control of either branch of the government, but it shows that if the Republicans had control of both houses of congress they would, since they cannot force the people of the south to vote the Republican ticket, cut them off without representation. The south at present has 138 electoral votes, all certainly Democratic, and the Democratic party only needs 47 votes in the north to insure a Democratic president in 1880. A reduction in the congressional representation in the south would also reduce the number of the electoral votes in the same proportion, and would assist the Radicals to gain control of congress and elect another president. The Radical party has done meaner things than this, and it is safe to say that if they had the power they would cut every Democratic state in the Union off with not more than half representation in the government of this country. They made the negroes voters to help them retain power; now that a portion of the colored people would take their vote from them, and it is safe to say that should they ever gain the power and deem it necessary to defeat the Democrats, they will shut off the Southern negro's voice in the governing of this country for ever! But if the Democrats stand firm in the faith, true to Democratic principles, and fight the battle like brave men, the sun will set on the 4th of March, 1881, with a Democratic president in the White House! Then not only the negroes, but the entire people of this country will be safe from the robbers and thieves who have plundered them for the last dozen years or more.

BILL BASS' SECOND DISGRACE. From *Cleburn's Rural World* we learn that the replevin suit instituted by Gen. E. W. Price against one John G. Blow, of St. Louis, Mo., for the recovery of his famous young horse, Bill Bass, was decided recently in St. Louis, in favor of the defendant. We have recollection of the decision in any case causing us so much real regret as the judgment in this case. Gen. Price hired his horse in the early part of this year to Blow, who took him to Kentucky to try his metal against the many flying steeds of the Blue Grass region. Bass soon made such a record there as commanded high figures in the pool box and racing circles. In the racing at Lexington last May Bass lost a race upon which a large amount of money was staked, and his movements on the track during that race were such as caused the horse, rider, trainer and Blow all to be dismissed from the race course. Whether justly or not, we do not pretend to say. Soon after the young horse was brought back to St. Louis and Gen. Price, justly indignant at the parties for having disgraced his horse, took him away from Blow by a writ of replevin. Blow, in answer to the writ, claimed that he was entitled to the possession of the horse and claimed damages. Gen. Price did not appear at the trial and Judge Wickham gave Blow a judgment for \$300 for the value of the horse, or his return and \$500 damages. We don't know Judge Wickham; we suppose he is a clever gentleman, but his judgment in this case shows one particle of horse sense. We do not know anything about how the trial of the cause was conducted, but if the facts were made known to the judge that Bill Bass had been ruled off the race course at Lexington, Ky., last spring for misconduct while under the management of the defendant, and that Gen. Price, his owner, out of respect and sympathy for the young horse, had taken him by due process of law, out of the possession of the person who had thus disgraced him, then we say that Judge Wickham's judgment in favor of the defendant is an insult to the intelligence, and a disgrace to the poor horse, and Judge Wickham should be indicted and punished, under the laws of the state, for cruelty to a worthy but much abused drum brute.

UNITED STATES SENATOR. Speaking of Samuel T. Glover, the Milan Standard expresses our views exactly when it says: "One of the most important duties of the Legislature will be the election of a senator for the long term. We would prefer some man of ability from this section of the state, but the race at present is between Samuel T. Glover and George G. Vest. Senator Cockrell made a speech at this place in the last campaign that materially helped us to carry the county, and he is to-day the most popular man with the people of this county for Senator. The people want him re-elected when his term expires, and will not indorse anything that might stand in the way of his re-election. Samuel T. Glover is a man of broad, statesmanlike views, who made a fight for the people of this state when they were oppressed and disfranchised. He carried the question to the supreme court of the United States, and had the infamous test oath declared unconstitutional. He stands at the head of the bar in this state, and his ability and integrity have never been questioned. If elected he will make a senator that the people will be proud of. He is emphatically our man for the position. We have no mud to throw at Geo. G. Vest, for we believe him to be a gentleman of ability."

STARCH ALL GONE.

Senator Blaine's recent exhibition of the bloody shirt in the United States Senate has demonstrated very clearly to the American people that all the starch has been taken out of that garment, and that it, therefore, can not be utilized any longer as a political scarecrow. All sensible people have settled down on the opinion that it is a cheat and a fraud, and no longer listen to the impassioned harangues of desperate political intriguers, who seek to prop their falling fortunes with such wicked nonsense. How strange indeed it is that a man of such ability as Mr. Blaine possesses should allow his ambition to get away with his better judgment in the manner that it has done in his recent onslaught upon the southern people for some supposed or imaginary crookedness in election matters. The result of the whole effort has been very justly "styled Blaine's collapse." His great oratorical thunderbolt, which he has been steaming and coking up ever since the fall elections has finally exploded, and fallen flat, hitting nothing, and of course hurting no one. At the close of the discussion on Blaine's bloody shirt resolution on the 17th inst. he stood alone to do battle in its defense, all his lovely companions had scattered and gone, and he allowed himself to be knocked about in the debate without offering much resistance. His resolutions, with Thurman's amendment, was adopted without any vigorous opposition. It is a matter for congratulation to know that the country has at last reached a point when the most persistent agitator in the country can no longer agitate anything or person except himself.

MACON COUNTY BONDS.

Judge James Carr left for Washington city yesterday to argue the mandamus cases against Macon county in the supreme court of the United States. The cases are entitled "The United States ex rel. Alfred Huidekoper, plaintiff in error, vs. Macon county court," and Macon county court, plaintiff in error, vs. Alfred Huidekoper, and are to be argued together. The main point involved in the former case is whether Huidekoper, who has a judgment on coupons detached from bonds issued by Macon county to the Missouri and Mississippi Railroad company, is entitled to have a tax levied in payment of his judgment in excess of one-twentieth of one per cent, that being the amount of tax which the county is authorized to levy under the charter of the above named railroad and which is entirely inadequate to pay even the interest on the bonds.

The point involved in the latter case is the right of the judgment creditor to have a warrant drawn on the ordinary revenue fund of the county in his favor, for the amount of judgment, the tax of one-twentieth of one per cent, being adequate to pay his judgment.

The supreme court of this state has heretofore decided both points adversely to the right claimed by the judgment creditor, and it remains to be seen whether or not the supreme court of the United States will, according to an old rule of decision, follow the decisions of the state supreme court constraining the statutes of its own state. The counties of Clark, Knox and Chariton, as well as Macon, are interested in the decision that will be given in these cases.—*Republican.*

Salisbury Jettings.

MR. EDITOR.—Thinking your readers might be delighted to see something in your new weekly paper from our town, if you will be kind enough to give us a small space, we don't know of any reason just now why we should not furnish you with an item now and then.

Everything and everybody are getting steam up for Christmas, over this way.

We are going to have a grand masquerade ball on the evening of the 25th.

We wish we could have Christmas oftener, as the merchants clean up about this time, and everything looks so very nice. Just lots of pretty things over here, but I can't buy them because I haven't got the chink.

Twenty-eight cars of hogs were shipped from here this week; guess when we get returns we will have the money to pay for what we got last Christmas, and then we can get more pretties. I didn't ship any of them hogs, but just thought I might strike

CHRISTMAS GOODS

Nowhere Compared with

THE GREAT PUBLIC AUCTION SALE,

AT ROBERT WHITE'S OLD STAND IN KEYTESVILLE.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 1879,

AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING

GOODS WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE,

CONSISTING OF

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, HATS AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES, OVERSHOES AND RUBBERS, GENTS' AND LADIES' UNDERWEAR,

AN ELEGANT ASSORTMENT OF JEANS, FLANNELS AND LINSEY, OF A VARIETY OF COLORS,

BLEACHED AND BROWN DOMESTICS, CANTON FLANNELS, DRILLINGS, TABLE LINEN, TOWLES, SUPERB DRESS PATTERNS,

In worsted, Calicos, &c., Jacket Edging, Bed Ticking, Ladies' Felt Skirts, Gents' and Ladies' Collars and Cuffs, Cotton and Yarn Hose, in Ladies' and Gents' ware, Woolen and Leather Mittens, and Buck Gloves, Ladies' Gloves, Woolen Yarn, Umbrellas.

BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF RIBBONS, TRIMMINGS,

Gents' Suspenders, Buttons in great variety; Pins and Needles, Thread, Thimbles, Cotton Batting. A large stock of Glassware, Queensware, and Tinware. Elegant Glass Lamps, Wash Bowls and Pitchers, Wash Pans, Tea Cups and Saucers, Terrens, Dishes, Plates, Goblets, &c., &c. Also Table and Pocket Cutlery, in great assortment; Scissors, Axes, Pens, Penholders, Pencils, Stoneware, Scoop Shovels, Tubs, Brooms, Meas, Navy Beans. Also one medium size Beard & Bro., Fire Proof Safe, Show Case, Three Pair Fairbanks Scales, Lamps, Chandeliers, one large Coal Stove, and all Fixtures used and belonging to an old nary Dry Goods establishments. These goods are all new and in splendid order, and must be sold to close out the business of the late Robert White. Don't lose this chance to secure Unprecedented Bargains.

THE GOODS ARE NOW TO BE FOUND AT THE OLD STAND, WHERE THEY ARE BEING SOLD EVERY DAY AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES. CALL AND SEE THE GOODS.

ALSO, TWO COWS AND CALVES, SIX YEARLING STEERS AND ONE FINE JACK.

TERMS MADE KNOWN ON DAY OF SALE.

THOMAS DOUGHERTY,
Administrator of the Estate of Robert White.

a trade with some one that did and thereby get Christmas money.

The Baptists are going to have a Christmas tree to put goodies on for the children, and a festival for the old folks on Christmas Eve. All for the good of the soul, after the church is carpeted. Everybody are invited any doubtless will find some one kind enough to wait on them while there.

No sickness except among the young folks, "heart disease." Nobody in a dying condition but the sinners.

Prof. Root has kindly accepted an invitation to preach to the people of Salisbury Sunday, December 29th. Wishing you and your many readers a happy Christmas, I am as ever, NOW-AND-THEN.

Notice.

The Chariton County Medical Association will meet in Keytesville, on Monday, December 23rd, instead of Thursday, December 26th, the regular day of meeting. A full attendance is requested. By order of the president. C. T. HOLLAND, M. D., Com. on Pub.

Our Baby.

With its cherry patty, exemplifies why every mother should freely use Parker's Ginger Tonic to preserve her cheerfulness and strength, and to secure her regular sleep and rest. Her baby, too, will show it in its happy playfulness, its freedom from pain and fretfulness, and its disposition to refreshing sleep. If this were all to be said of this remedy, it is enough to give it inestimable value in the household, but there are ladies without number who suffer untold miseries from functional derangements, to whom its use will afford the greatest comfort, by giving entire relief from Painful Periods and Nervousness, and restoring the healthful regularity of the disturbed functions. Buy from your druggists, Martin & Applegate, a \$1 bottle or a sample bottle at 15 cents and test its merits. COW-O-N-D.

Dry Goods Merchants Wanted.

In a recent issue of our paper we stated that since the death of two of our leading merchants, and the closing out by Mr. Hill to quit business the citizens of Keytesville and vicinity are compelled to go to other towns when they want an assortment of dry goods.

Let us look into the facts a little and see how the matter stands. First, the remnants of the stocks of goods owned by the estates of Stevens and White are in the hands of the administrators of those estates, and are being closed out as rapidly as possible, with no other intention or expectation than to quit business.

Thinking that possibly we had misrepresented Mr. Hill in saying that he was closing out with a view to quitting the business, after seeing the article in the *Brunswick*, we called on that gentleman to know the facts in his case, and learned from him again, as we had understood from him before, that he has not bought any new goods for sometime, and is closing out his old stock at cost, and that it is his intention to quit the dry goods business as soon as he can sell out. These are the facts in regard to those three dry goods houses.

Coupling these facts, with the further fact that not a day passes without some of our citizens going either to Brunswick, Salisbury or Moberly to buy goods for their families, justifies us in the assertion made before that Keytesville being the county seat of the sixth county in the state, surrounded by a very rich agricultural section, thickly settled by industrious farmers, affords an excellent opportunity for the investment of a reasonable amount of capital and enterprise in the dry goods business.

THIS WEEK'S COURIEROSITIES.

"Hot" says it's a mistake, it's George Becker, that'll watch 'em.

Our devil says he'll be quad em-d if he don't put a gambol on the next man who says "Pills" in his presence.

Seeing the number of idlers 'round the stores in the various stores these cold mornings, one would think that the chief end of most men is the one they sit on.

Next to the man who asks you to "lend" him a chew of tobacco, the meanest cuss is the fellow that asks if he may have a match, before taking one from a full box.

R—says he dates on babies, and likes to nurse them, only it has been his fortune always to attempt to fondle one just when he should have left it severely alone.

You fathers, whose embryo presidents run about our streets and make night hideous, are storing up sorrow for the future. The years between seven and fifteen were intended to be devoted to eating tea, and catenium, instead of beer and billingsgate.

You may call the average middle-aged man a jekkus, horse thief, and Hotterot, with perfect impunity, but just insinuate in his presence that the snow of 1854 was not ten feet deep everywhere, and thirty-seven in front of his hen-house, and you make an implacable foe.

Little Betty M— was one too many for the COURIER man the other day, who thought to get a "local" from her at a cheap rate. She accepted a coin that he offered her with the air of one about to make the most marvelous revelations, then turned up street and incontinently ran for it, leaving the reporter in statu quo.

There is some talk of a wedding around here. The young man in the case went to St. Louis recently ostensibly to buy a stock of goods, but it is intimated to have his feet washed. Whether this is an argument in support of the above, or merely a collateral circumstance we leave the reader to conjecture.

Messrs. Charles Veatch, W. Beltz, S. Singleton and C. B. Crawley are playing a series of match games of chess, the three having the largest number of tallies at Christmas, are to smoke cigars at the expense of the other fellow. From what we can gather from their several statements, each man is now from three to seven games ahead.

The Owls have a gay time about Keytesville. There is a regular organization of them known as the Owl club. They have their meetings at night, owl like. Some of our citizens who would be members of the aforesaid Owl club, say there is something more engaging in the squall of a big fat baby than there is in the hooting of a whole Owl club.

In looking over the columns of the COURIER of a few weeks since, your reporter noticed a contract which a few boys of Keytesville had made, agreeing not to call each other nick-names. Since the said article was in print a few more of the boys have signified their willingness to agree to the terms of the contract; the following are the boys: Big Andy, Toot Biscuit, Roan, Soor Dirt, Johnny Rumpt, Rooster, Boas, and Pumpkin.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Composed by the X Yed Men.

Christmas comes but once a year, Fifty-one times less than the COURIER, Drink to them both in lager beer, Folde-diddle-dee-doo-ri-er.

Let every wise man, every dunce, Subscribe for the COURIER at once, Every week it will appear, At one dollar and fifty cents per annum. Secundum artem, non disputandum, ad celorem, cash up, and no grumbling.

The Bible teaches that we should make haste to forgive an enemy, and take him again to our bosoms, and while John Bunyan and the Apostle Paul, would have pursued that conciliatory policy to the very letter, yet we doubt if even they would care complacence to the extent of storing

their enemies away in their stomachs; and yet, at this day and in this town, are there men who have made a sworn enemy of certain potentate known as King Alcohol, for whom so deadly is their hatred that they swallow him on sight, as the readiest and most orthodox way of disposing of him.

Quite a number of young folks left town Tuesday evening in sleighs, to attend a grand ball at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Ford, in the Forks. In one sleigh the COURIER man noticed

The gayest crowd you ever saw—d, The Misses Elliott, Guston, Ward, Miss Applegate, the man who took her, Being Mister Willie Billie Rucker, And tho' the sky was dark that night, Charlie and Mollie made it White: One other boy—the very last one, Swung on behind—'twas Billy Gaston.

A young man in the brick row met with an accident Monday which rendered necessary the amputation of a little toe. Dr. Holland, who wielded the cleaver, and whose capacity for human gore was excited rather than appressed by the few drops that exuded from the wound, used the most touching arguments in trying to induce the unfortunate to part with the four remaining toes, rather than destroy the symmetry of the foot; but in vain. In conversation with a reporter soon after, the gentleman said he never thought of having sore little toe lose.

Sauntering home, not long since, at "Midnight's lonely hour," the attention of a COURIER man was attracted by a brilliant light issuing from an upper window of one of the largest residences in the east end of town. Always on the alert for items, he crossed the street and took a position opposite to see what he could see through the half-drawn blinds. Peering in, he beheld seated, or rather reclining on a lounge, in partial darkness, the subject of the dreams of half the boys in town. Yes, there she was, her lustrous eyes half-closed, her silken hair, unhampered by snood or comb, falling around her dimpled shoulders, with lovely arms folded o'er a gently heaving bosom:

"In maiden meditation, fancy free." Overcome by a mixed feeling of admiration for what he saw, and a doubt of its reality, the reporter uncovered and bowed his head reverently upon his breast. When he had recalled his scattered wits, he raised his eyes and looked again to reassure himself, then blushed one modest blush and fled, not stood upon the order of his flight, but even as the wicked flee, he fled, and left her—scratching.

A bevy of Keytesville girls, visiting friends in Salisbury, not ten years ago, expressed a desire to take a ride. Their host, anticipating the fun that soon followed, placed his buggy at their disposal, provided they would harness the horse. Thinking that so trifling a prerequisite could only add to the zest of the thing, they quickly accepted the offer. Proceeding to the stable, after much laughter and many "whos" and "behave nows," addressed to old Dobbin, they succeeded in arranging buckles and straps in a highly satisfactory manner, with the exception of one piece of (to them redundant) leather, which, when properly adjusted, prevents the horse from backing out. That was a difficulty which no quantity of soft blandishments, such as "raise your tail now, like a good horse," was able to overcome. Finally one young miss, with characteristic tact, took a piece of stout cord and crouching by the side of the horse, threw a loop over his spinal continuation, and by a saw-saw movement got it into place, securing the ends to the backband. Nothing daunted by the laughter of their friend, the young ladies had their ride.

Strayed—Reward.

Three yearling steers, branded "A" on right hip, strayed from my farm during the summer. Information leading to their recovery will be liberally rewarded.

Geo. M. Anderson, Keytesville.

H. S. RUCKER,
Attorney at Law,

DALTON, MISSOURI.

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Attorneys at Law,

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R. W. GOLDSBY,
Attorney at Law,

Notary Public,
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